AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Original) A compound comprising one or two or more thietane groups and a metal atom in a molecule.
- 2. (Original) A compound comprising one or two or more thietane groups represented by the general formulae (1) and/or (2) and a metal atom in a molecule.

wherein, in the formula, A_1 to A_{10} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent inorganic or organic residue.

- 3. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 2, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ge atom, a Ti atom, a Zn atom, an Al atom, a Fe atom, a Cu atom, a Pt atom, a Pb atom, an Au atom or an Ag atom.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 2, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ti atom, a Ge atom, an Al atom, a Pb atom or a Zn atom.

5. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 2, represented by the general formula (3),

wherein, in the formula, M represents a metal atom; X_1 and X_2 each independently represent a sulfur atom or an oxygen atom; R_1 represents a divalent organic group; m represents an integer of 0 or 1 or more; p represents an integer of from 1 to n; q represents an integer of from 1 to (n-p); n represents a valence of a metal atom M; Yq each independently represent an inorganic or organic residue; and when q is 2 or more, Yq may be bonded to one another for forming a ring structure with the intermediary of a metal atom M.

- 6. (Previously Presented) A polymerizable composition comprising at least one or more kinds of the compounds as described in claim 2.
- 7. (Original) A resin obtained by polymerization of the polymerizable composition as described in claim 6.
- 8. (Original) An optical component composed of the resin as described in claim 7.

- 9. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ge atom, a Ti atom, a Zn atom, an Al atom, a Fe atom, a Cu atom, a Pt atom, a Pb atom, an Au atom or an Ag atom.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ti atom, a Ge atom, an Al atom, a Pb atom or a Zn atom.
- 11. (Previously Presented) A polymerizable composition comprising at least one or more kinds of the compounds as described in claim 1.
- 12. (Previously Presented) A resin obtained by polymerization of the polymerizable composition as described in claim 11.
- 13. (Previously Presented) An optical component composed of the resin as described in claim 12.
- 14. (New) The compound according to claim 1, represented by the general formula (3),

wherein, in the formula, M represents a metal atom; X_1 and X_2 each independently represent a sulfur atom or an oxygen atom; R_1 represents a divalent

organic group; m represents an integer of 0 or 1 or more; p represents an integer of from 1 to n; q represents an integer of from 1 to (n-p); n represents a valence of a metal atom M; Yq each independently represent an inorganic or organic residue; and when q is 2 or more, Yq may be bonded to one another for forming a ring structure with the intermediary of a metal atom M.